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Effective measures on nuclear disarmament

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the threat to the very survival of mankind posed by the existence of nuclear weapons,

Expressing deep concern at the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons, and reaffirming the need for all States at all times to comply with applicable international law, including international humanitarian law,

Acknowledging that the most effective guarantee against the danger of nuclear war and the use of nuclear weapons is nuclear disarmament and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons,

Reaffirming the commitment of the international community to the goal of the total elimination of nuclear weapons and the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free world,

Mindful of the solemn obligations of States parties, undertaken under article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[1] particularly to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament,

Recalling the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons, issued on 8 July 1996,[2] and the unanimous reaffirmation therein that there exists an obligation for all States to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control,

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.
[2] *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons, Advisory Opinion, I.C.J. Reports 1996*, p. 226.

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Stressing the need for all States to comply with their obligations and to take further practical steps and effective measures towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons,

1. *Decides* to establish an open-ended working group to meet in New York for three sessions of 10 working days each, one session being held in 2016 and two sessions in 2017, to identify and elaborate effective measures on nuclear disarmament, including legal provisions or other arrangements that contribute to and are required for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons; the legal provisions could be established through various approaches, such as a stand-alone instrument or a framework agreement;

2. *Also decides* that the open-ended working group shall conduct its work on the basis of consensus and hold its organizational session as soon as possible;

3. *Further decides* that the open-ended working group shall submit a report on its work, reflecting discussions held and proposals made, to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session, when the Assembly will assess its work and, taking into account developments in other relevant forums, will consider the next steps for elaborating effective measures on nuclear disarmament, including legal provisions required for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, within available resources, the support necessary to convene the open-ended working group and to transmit the report of the working group to the United Nations high-level international conference on nuclear disarmament to be held no later than 2018, the Conference on Disarmament and the Disarmament Commission;

5. *Invites* all Member States to participate and engage actively in this open and inclusive process;

6. *Encourages* the contribution of international organizations and civil society to the work of the open-ended working group, in accordance with established practice;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled "General and complete disarmament", a sub-item entitled "Effective measures on nuclear disarmament".